



# Lake Park Villager

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## **CLERK'S CORNER**

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**May 12 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting**

NOTE: Prior to the meeting there will be a public hearing to present the draft of the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

**May 21 – 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd**

**June 1 – 7:00 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

NOTE: The Village office will be closed on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

MAY 5, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)**

MAY 6, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER STREET

### **LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)**

MAY 7, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK SAGES**

MAY 8, 7:00 PM, FAITH UMC ACTIVITIES BLDG.

### **LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB**

MAY 23, 10:00 AM, TRIP TO MCGILL ROSE GARDEN

### **LAKE PARK POOL MEMBERSHIP PRE-SEASON SALE**

MAY 16, 9:00 – 12:00, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK POOLS OPEN**

MAY 23

## **Community Center Hearing**

*Public hearing on April 14*

Prior to their April meeting, the Village Council held a public hearing to allow the public to voice their concerns related to proceeding with the development of plans for an expansion to the Community Center. The session began with the Village Clerk reading emails from citizens followed by public comments by those in attendance. Several statements were in full support of proceeding with expanding the center. They stated that current size of the building neither fully nor adequately supports a community the size of Lake Park. Other residents urged the Council to not proceed with any plans until detailed questions regarding the financial impact and the facility's future use can be answered and shared with the public.

The Council will take all of these comments into advisement as it considers a contract to develop detailed architectural drawings. These drawings can be used now or in the future if the council decides to postpone the project.

## **Stormwater Education**

*How Soil Erosion Affects Us*

Erosion is a serious problem for our lakes and surrounding creeks and ponds. Soil suspended in water can clog fish gills, shade out aquatic life and make bodies of water appear muddy. When soil particles settle out of the water, large amounts of sediment can smother vegetation, cause the filling in of streams and ponds, and also destroy aquatic habitat.

### **How can erosion be controlled?**

The best way to control erosion is to plant vegetation in bare soil. The roots of plants will bind the soil particles together and reduce the potential for erosion considerably. Generally speaking, the larger the root system the more erosion control. So, trees and shrubs are ideal to stabilize stream banks, and grasses are used to stabilize gentler slopes.

## **Lake Park, NC Address**

Some may not be aware that Village residents may use Lake Park in their address instead of Indian Trail. The postal service will be able to deliver mail with this as the town along with the 28079 zip code.

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## For Your Information

### Clear Lawn and Leaf Bags

To help residents comply with the new waste collection guidelines, we are finding that Lowe's, Home Depot, WalMart and Food Lion are already carrying clear lawn and leaf bags. Clear bags are now required for any bagged materials that are set out for pickup outside of the rolling cart or recycling bins. The clear bags ensure that Lake Park yard debris is not intermingled with garbage or trash when the trucks unload at the county site.

### Power Use in the Village

The Village Council is consistently monitoring activities within Lake Park to ensure that they follow the most cost-effective and responsible guidelines. An example of this is a report that Council Member Clint Newton produces every month detailing power usage for those areas maintained by the government. His findings show that overall power usage has dropped over the past three years for each of the first three months of the year. The usage is down between 3000 to 4000 kWh between 2007 and 2009. The Council will continue to look for ways to most responsibly use the Village's resources.

### Pool Season Passes on Sale

Pool season passes can be purchased on **May 16 from 9:00 to noon**. Carolina pool management will also be present to answer questions concerning swimming lessons.

## Ordinances Being Enforced

The deputies assigned to Lake Park are renewing their focus on enforcing Lake Park's Ordinances. All of these ordinances are viewable on [www.lakeparknc.gov](http://www.lakeparknc.gov) and copies can be obtained at the clerk's office between 9 and 12 M-F. Recently, residents voiced concerns to the Council related to parking tickets. During March and early April, the deputies wrote 26 parking citations. Here is part of an article that ran recently in the *Villager* (Nov 2008):

Parking regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- No parking is allowed within 30 feet of an intersection or a stop sign.
- Parking is allowed in alleyways as long as there is 10 feet of clearance.
- No parking is allowed in or on the space between a sidewalk and a public street nor in the six feet of grass on the side of a street with no sidewalk.
- Parking is not allowed in the circular portion of any cul-de-sac.
- Parking is prohibited in any common area or park within the Village.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### 2009 Workshop: *Growing Success in Lake Park*

14 professional leaders gathered for a casual meal at the March 24 EDC workshop and followed a quickly-paced tour of Miss Dee Dee's After School (new expansion), The Children's Lighthouse Learning Center (new business) and Image Salon & Spa (new owner and interior renovation). Participants represented over seven Lake Park organizations, including Wendy Adams - Miss Dee Dee's, Sandy Coughlin, EDC Chairperson, Doug Lucas - Lucas Lawn & Landscaping, Chris Mathisen - The Mathisen Company; Stephanie Meade - Townes at Lake Park (Ryan Homes), Carrie Neller - Central Academy, Iyore Ojomo - Children's Lighthouse; Mayor Kendall Spence and Sharon Williams - Image Salon & Spa.

The tour hosts exchanged contact information and unique facts about their companies. Image Salon and Spa introduced an inviting and spotless new interior and new licensed services. Children's Lighthouse introduced their sophisticated security systems and all-day Internet classroom views for parents. Miss Dee Dee's presented a colorful and warm atmosphere in their newly expanded facility. Participants enjoyed exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of new services and facilities and the rare opportunity to network with professional peers among some of Lake Park's most active businesses.

Lake Park has 17 stand-alone professional organizations now located within the village.